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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 January 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-9, 22-25, 34 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 5,404,239 (Hirai).

Hirai discloses, referring primarily to figures 1 & 2, a flexible circuit film (3) for connecting external circuits, comprising: a body; a first pad (in area 3a; col. 3, lines 5-10) provided at one end of the body to be adhesively connected to a pad of a first printed circuit board (1, col. 3, lines 5-10), a second pad (in areas 3c, d, e; col. 3, lines 20-30) provided at other end of the body to be engaged to a connector of a second printed circuit board (2, col. 3, lines 10-20) and electrically connected to the first pad; and least one force absorbing edge recess (3b) defined in the body [claim 1] wherein the recess is defined in the body in a region adjacent to second pad [claim 2], wherein the recess is defined in at least two side surfaces of the body in the region adjacent to the second pad [claim 3], wherein the body has at least one bent portion (not shown, col. 3, lines 20-25) [claim 4], the body having at least two side surfaces wherein the at least one recess is defined at each of the at least two side surfaces in a region adjacent to the bent portion [claim 5], wherein a first recess (3c) is defined at the bent portion and said at least one recess is defined in the body in a region adjacent to the second pad

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[claim 6], wherein said at least one recess is defined at the bent portion [claim 7], wherein said at least one recess has a substantially concave shape [claim 8] wherein the at least one recess has a substantially curved shape [claim 9], wherein the body having at least two side surfaces wherein the at least one recess is defined at a region adjacent to the bent portion [claim 22], wherein the concave shape is greater than a semicircle [claim 23], wherein the concave shape has a shape of an incomplete circle [claim 24], wherein the one recess includes a cutout portion [claim 25].

Additionally, Hirani discloses, discloses, a printed circuit film for connecting external circuits comprising: a body (3) having a first portion (near opening 3a) and a second portion (near opening 3e); a first pad connected to the first portion (col. 3, lines 1-10); a second pad connected to the second portion and electrically connected to the first pad (col. 3, lines 10-30); and at least one recess portion (3b) in the body [claim 34], wherein the recess portion includes a cutout portion [claim 35].

Claims 10-21 and 26-35 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 5,777,275 (Mizutani).

Similarly, Hirai discloses, referring primarily to figures 1-3, a flexible printed circuit film (1) for connecting external circuits (col. 3, lines 5-20), comprising, a body having a first portion and a second portion the first portion intersecting the second portion to form a corner portion (best seen in figure 2), the corner portion having an inner vertex and an outer vertex; a first pad connected at an end of the first portion; a second pad connected at an end of the second portion and electrically connected to the first pad

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(col. 3, lines 25-35); and a first force absorbing recess (3a, c) in the body [claim 10], wherein the first recess has a substantially concave shape [claim 11], wherein the first recess has a substantially curved shape [claim 12], wherein the first portion is substantially perpendicular to the second portion [claim 13], wherein the first recess is at the inner vertex of the corner portion [claim 14], further comprising a second recess (3c) in a region of the second portion of the body, the region being between the outer vertex of the corner portion and the second pad [claim 15], wherein the second recess has a substantially concave shape [claim 16], wherein the second recess has a substantially curved shape [claim 17], wherein the first recess (3c) is at a region between the inner vertex and the second pad [claim 18], further comprising a second recess (3a) in a region between the outer vertex of the corner portion and the second pad [claim 19], wherein the second recess has a substantially concave shape [claim 20], wherein the second recess has a substantially curved shape [claim 21], wherein the first recess includes a cutout portion [claim 26], wherein the concave shape is greater than a semicircle [claims 27, 29, 31], wherein the concave shape has a shape of an incomplete circle [claims 28, 30, 32], wherein the second recess has a substantially curved shape [claim 33].

Additionally, Mizutani discloses, a printed circuit film for connecting external circuits comprising: a body (1) having a first portion (1a) and a second portion (1b); a first pad connected to the first portion; a second pad connected to the second portion and electrically connected to the first pad (col. 3, lines 15-35); and at least one recess

portion (3a) in the body [claim 34], wherein the recess portion includes a cutout portion [claim 35].

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-35 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

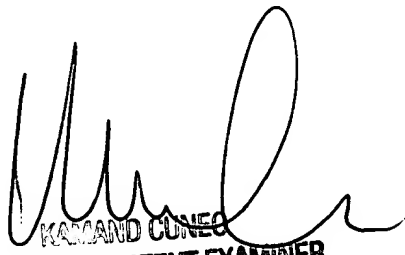
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeremy C. Norris whose telephone number is 571-272-1932. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 5:30 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamand Cuneo can be reached on 571-272-1957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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